

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestions about revising the claims to overcome all rejections and for clarification and for the indication of allowability of all pending claims if amended to overcome the Section 112(2) rejection. It is believed that the present amendment does just that.

In particular, independent Claims 53 and 65 have been amended essentially as suggested in the Office Action with the use of "ink-receptive" and "ink-repelling" instead of "dye-receptive" and "dye-repelling" as suggested by the Examiner, because the different affinities for ink are needed for using the resulting printing plate. Support for the "ink"-containing terms are found on pages 10 (lines 4-5) and 16 (lines 1-5). In addition, dependent Claims 57, 58, 69, 70, 74, and 77-79 have been amended to have language consistent with amended Claims 53 and 65.

Claims 75 and 76 have been amended to clarify the subject matter and to have proper antecedent basis for the recited terms.

Claims 54 and 66-68 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112(2)

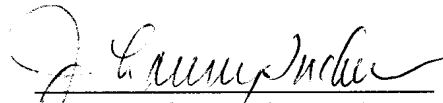
Claims 53-79 have been rejected as being indefinite for various reasons. It is believed that this rejection is overcome with the various amendments to Claims 53, 57, 58, 69, 70, and 74-79 as noted above. Thus, it is believed that this rejection should be withdrawn.

If the Examiner considers that minor amendments are still needed to put the application in condition for allowance, he is encouraged to call the undersigned representative so allowance can be expedited.

A number of publications are referred to on pages 4 and 5 have been cited for various teachings. With respect to those references that can be readily evaluated in the English language, it is believed that none of them describe or suggest the claimed invention. However, it is understood that they will be listed in the list of references on the front page of the patent granted from this application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested. A prompt and favorable action by the examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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